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Honorable Christopher S. Bond
United States Senator
Office of Constituent Services
312 Monroe Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Senator Bond:

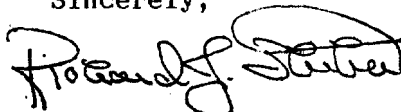
This is in reply to your letter of March 1, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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CHRISTOPHER S. BOND

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March 1, 1993

Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim
Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Solheim:

Please find enclosed correspondence from several of my constituents from Southwest Missouri concerning the proposal to reduce the number of frequencies reserved for radio controlled model planes. Specifically, my constituents are concerned that the reduction in available frequencies will increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for radio controlled model airplane users.

Because of my wish to be responsive to the needs of those whom I represent, I again ask for your thoughtful investigation into this matter. I look forward to your reply, which should be directed to my office at the address and telephone number below:

Office of Constituent Services
312 Monroe Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Tel: 314-634-2488

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Christopher S. Bond

CSB/wbp

The Honorable Doyle Childers
House of Representatives
Jefferson City Mo. 65101

Dear Mr. Childers

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club of about 90 members in the Tri Lake area that enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling

expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users or radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely

Erwin C. Rohde

The Honorable Doyle Childers
P.O. Box 127
Reeds Spring, Mo. 65737

Dear Mr. Childers

My sons and I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club of about 90 members in the Tri Lake area that enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes.

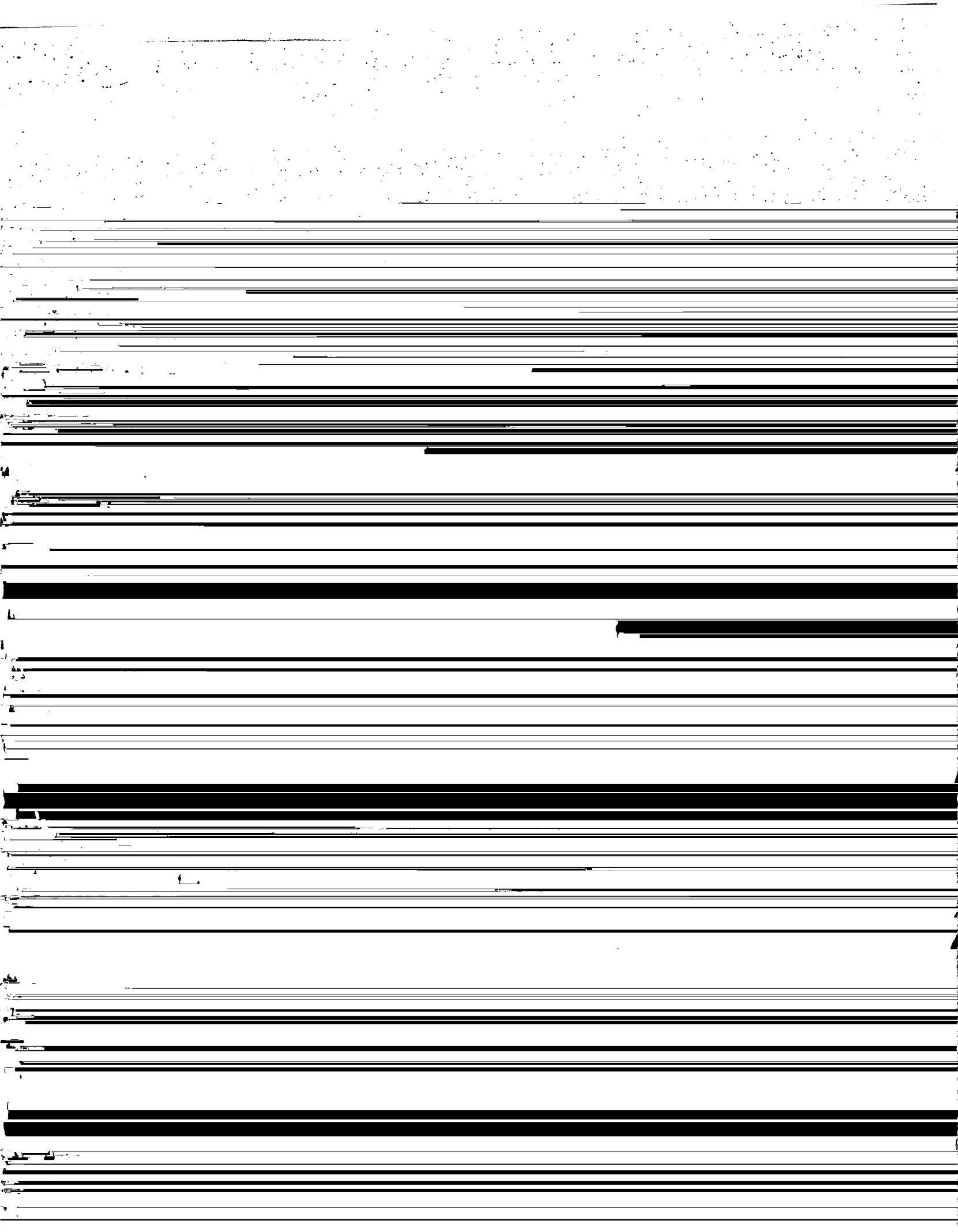
I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious



Rockaway Bch., Mo.
Feb. 8, 1993

Dear Mr. Childers:

I am a very active member in
TRI LAKES RC (radio control) FLYING CLUB
and a recently proposed FCC action
has recently come to my attention.
NPRM PR Docket 92-235 would have
profound effect on our flying frequen-
cies. The new ruling would allow
mobile transmitters almost four

cern for safety, involved in this.
I hope you are able to help us
and I wish you well. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Clarence C. Larson
Safety Officer
Tri Lakes Flying Club
Branson, Mo.